

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended): A magnetic disk comprising a magnetic layer, a protective layer, and a lubricating layer coated at least on one surface of a ~~flexible~~ support member ~~or a rigid support member~~,

wherein the protective layer contains at least carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and rare gas elements and wherein the carbon content in the protective layer is 60 - 70 atom %, the hydrogen content of the protective layer is 25 - 35 atom %, the nitrogen content of the protective layer is 0.5 - 8.0 atom %, and the rare gas content in the protective layer is 0.5 - 1.2 atom %,

and wherein said magnetic layer and said protective layer are manufactured by plasma CVD method.

Claims 3-21. (canceled).